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*Invention:* NONWOVEN FABRIC AND METHOD OF  
MAKING THE SAME

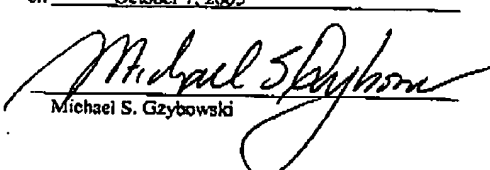
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Sir:

Prior to continuing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.